

Class of 2008

Dear Applicant:

I commend you on your desire to attend a United States Service Academy and wish you every success in the selection competition. The U.S. Service Academies offer qualified young applicants a special opportunity – a top quality college education, a chance to serve this country as a commissioned officer, and an unlimited potential for satisfying and diversified careers.

A file on your candidacy should be opened in my **Harrisburg office**. This application packet includes important nomination instructions for both you and your guidance counselor. I have attached a formal application for you to complete, and an applicant data sheet to be completed by your guidance counselor.

As an entrant in the merit selection competition, you will be considered on the basis of your academic performance and your participation in extracurricular and community activities.

IN ORDER TO FULFILL THE REQUIREMENTS FOR NOMINATION, YOU ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR ENSURING THAT THE FOLLOWING CREDENTIALS ARE SUBMITTED TO MY **HARRISBURG OFFICE BY TUESDAY, OCTOBER 10, 2003.**

 **COMPLETED APPLICANT PACKET SHOULD INCLUDE:**

*****Please make every effort to submit all material in one mailing.***

To be Completed by the Applicant:

- Formal application
- Activity Sheet and Awards/Honors Sheet
- Essay
- Photo

To be Completed by Guidance Counselor:

- Applicant Data Sheet. Please attach an official high school transcript.
- SAT scores (copy of original scores or written on official school transcript).
- One letter of recommendation from your high school guidance counselor, principal, or teacher. (Please limit the number of your letters of recommendation to no more than two. If more than two recommendations are submitted, two will be chosen for you.)**

I WILL BE UNABLE TO CONSIDER APPLICATION MATERIAL RECEIVED AFTER FRIDAY, OCTOBER 10, 2003. A LIST OF OTHER KEY DATES TO REMEMBER IS ENCLOSED FOR YOUR INFORMATION. PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDAR ACCORDINGLY.

There are several stages involved in the merit selection process. Once you have completed the formal application and returned it to my office, your candidate file will be updated to reflect your status as an

official candidate for nomination. When your file is complete, it will be scored, and you will be scheduled for an interview.

In order to be certain that I receive all of your required credentials, students are asked to send their entire packet to my **Harrisburg district office only**, Attn: **Academy Selection Committee, P.O. Box 1092, Harrisburg, PA 17108**. (If you send your completed nomination packet via FedEx, UPS, etc., address the package to Academy Selection Committee, US Federal Building and Courthouse, 228 Walnut Street, Room 1104, Harrisburg, PA 17101, as those delivery services do not deliver to P.O. Boxes.) **PLEASE DO NOT SEND APPLICATIONS TO ANY OF MY OTHER OFFICES, AS IT WILL DELAY FORMAL REVIEW OF YOUR CANDIDACY.** Certified mail is recommended, but not required; however, **it is your responsibility to make sure that your file is complete.** I suggest calling my Harrisburg office at (717) 782-3951 to confirm receipt.

Interviews are tentatively scheduled for November 5, 6 & 7, 2003. In the past all students who have successfully completed my nomination packet, have been given interviews with the Academy Selection Committee. Every effort will be made to continue this tradition. You should prepare for your interview, by speaking with your guidance counselor, the academy of your choice, and others who have gone through the process. You will be notified by mail of the time and place of your interview. **If you do not receive written confirmation of an interview by October 30, 2003 please contact my office.**

Only those students seeking a nomination to the Air Force, Military, or Naval Academies will be interviewed by my Academy Selection Committee. Merchant Marine Academy applicants are chosen through a merit selection competition, and are not interviewed. However, all Merchant Marine Academy applicants must submit the required credentials as specified above.

The Senatorial nomination process is very competitive and unfortunately, there are many more deserving students than there are nominations. Non-selection as my nominee does not necessarily mean you do not meet academy standards, but reflects the high caliber of the candidates who have applied for my limited number of nominations. Again, I commend you on your desire to serve this nation as an officer in the United States Armed Services, and wish you every success in your pursuit of an appointment to a United States Service Academy. If you have any questions regarding the application packet or the selection process, please call my Harrisburg office at (717) 782-3951.

Sincerely,

Arlen Specter

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

Time Line:

4 th Week in March, 2003	Applications for students seeking a nomination for class entering July 2004 begin to be sent out.
March – October 10, 2003	Complete application and writing requirement. Secure academic transcript and letters of recommendation.
October 10, 2003	All application materials must be received in my Harrisburg Office: <u>Academy Selection Committee P.O. Box 1092, Harrisburg, PA 17108</u>
November 5, 6 & 7, 2003	Tentative dates for finalist interviews. Letters of notification will advise date, time and location of interview. <i>I can not guarantee interviews for students unable to attend their originally scheduled appointment.</i>
Week of December 8, 2003	Offers of nomination made.

Test Dates:

SAT (Score Code – 2826)

May 3, 2003
June 7, 2003
*October 11, 2003
*November 1, 2003
**December 6, 2003

ACT (Score Code – 7175)

April 12, 2003
June 14, 2003
*September 27, 2003
*October 25, 2003
**December 13, 2003

*Students taking tests on these dates are requested to select the expedited scoring option so those scores can be included in your formal application. My Academy Selection Committee will consider all new test scores and other information until final nominations have been made.

**Students should note that scores from these test dates will be too late to be considered by my Committee.

ACADEMY CONTACTS:

Begin the application process with the service academies as soon as possible. You must contact the academy of your choice, directly, to begin the application process there.

U.S. Air Force Academy

Director of Admissions
HQ USAFA/RRS
2304 Cadet Drive, Suite 200
USAF Academy, CO 80840-5025 West Point, NY 10996-1797
1-800-443-9266
www.usafa.edu

U.S. Military Academy

Director of Admissions
U.S. Military Academy
606 Thayer Road
(845)938-4041
www.usma.edu

U.S. Naval Academy

Dean of Admissions
U.S. Naval Academy
117 Decatur Road
Annapolis, MD 21402
(410)293-1000
www.usna.edu

U.S. Merchant Marine Academy

Admissions Office
U.S. Merchant Marine Academy
300 Steamboat Road
Kings Point, NY 11024-1699
1-800-732-6267
www.usmma.edu

U.S. Coast Guard Academy *No Congressional Nominations

Director of Admissions
US Coast Guard Academy
31 Mohegan Avenue
New London, CT 06320-8103
(860) 444-8500
www.cga.edu

Students are encouraged to apply to both United States Senators and the United States

Representative who represents the Congressional District in which they live. **Remember, each Member uses different criteria and deadlines for their nomination process. Be sure to contact **YOUR** Congressional Representative to get their official application.**

U.S. Senator Rick Santorum
Landmarks Building
One Station Square, Suite 250
Pittsburgh, PA 15219
(412) 562-0533

Congressman Robert A. Brady – 1st
1907 S. Broad St.
Philadelphia, PA 19148
(215) 389-4627

Congressman Mike Doyle – 14th
11 Duff Road
Penn Hills, PA 15235
(412) 241-6055

Congressman Phil English – 3rd
Modern Tool Square
310 French Street, Suite 107
Erie, PA 16507
(814) 456-2038

Congressman Chaka Fattah – 2nd
4104 Walnut Street
Philadelphia, PA 19104
(215) 387-6404

Congressman Jim Gerlach – 6th
1541 Longworth House Office
Building
Washington, DC 20515
(202) 225-4315

Cong. James C. Greenwood – 8th
69 East Oakland Avenue
Doylestown, PA 18901
(215) 348-7511

Congresswoman Melissa Hart – 4th
501 Lawrence Avenue
Ellwood City, PA 16117
(742) 752-0490

Cong. Joseph M. Hoeffel – 13th
20 East Butler Avenue
Ambler, PA 19002
(215) 540-8444

Congressman Tim Holden – 17th
1421 Longworth House Office
Building
Washington, DC 20515
(202) 225-5546

Cong. Paul E. Kanjorski – 11th
2353 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515
(202) 225-6511

Congressman Tim Murphy – 18th
504 Washington Road
Pittsburgh, PA 15228
(412) 344-5583

Cong. John P. Murtha – 12th
Vine and Walnut Streets
Centre Town Mall; P.O. Box 780
Johnstown, PA 15907
(814) 535-2642

Congressman John Peterson – 5th
1524 W. College Ave., Suite 208
State College, PA 16801
(814) 238-1776

Congressman Joseph R. Pitts – 16th
504 Cannon House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515-3816
(202) 225-2411

Congressman Todd Platts – 19th
2209 East Market St.
York, PA 17402
(717) 843-8887

Cong. Donald Sherwood – 10th
1146 Northern Blvd. (Rtes. 6/11)
Clarks Summit, PA 18411
(570) 585-8190

Congressman Bill Shuster – 9th
2188 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515
(202) 225-2431

Cong. Patrick J. Toomey – 15th
2020 Hamilton Blvd.
Allentown, PA 18104
(610) 439-8861

Congressman Curt Weldon – 7th
1554 Garrett Road
Upper Darby, PA 19082
(610) 259-0700

Students can also apply for a nomination from **Vice President of the United States.** Letters should be sent to:

The Honorable Dick Cheney
Vice President of the United States
Old Executive Office Building
Washington, DC 20501

(To be completed by applicant)

ACADEMY PREFERENCE: _____
(Please list first preference only)

NAME: _____
(Last) (First) (Middle)

All applicants must be legal Pennsylvania residents. Please list your permanent address below, under "Home of Record." If you are in the Military, or are temporarily residing out of state, please list this address under "Temporary Address."

HOME OF RECORD: _____
(Street, P.O. Box) (City/State/Zip)

COUNTY OF RESIDENCE: _____

TEMPORARY ADDRESS: _____
(Street, P.O. Box) (City/State/Zip)

SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER: _____

DATE OF BIRTH: _____

HOME PHONE NUMBER (including area code): _____

HIGH SCHOOL ATTENDED: _____

HIGH SCHOOL PHONE NUMBER (including area code): _____

GRADUATED/WILL GRADUATE: _____

*Applicants must graduate by June of 2003; they must not have reached their 23rd birthday by their Academy entry date.

In seeking this nomination, I affirm my intention to make the indicated service my career. I authorize investigation of all statements contained in this application. I understand that misrepresentation or omission of facts are sufficient cause for elimination of my candidacy.

APPROVED: _____ DATE: _____
(Parent or Guardian)

SIGNED: _____ DATE: _____
(Applicant)

Please send all forms to:

**Academy Selection Committee
U.S. Senator Arlen Specter
P.O. Box 1092
Harrisburg, PA 17108**

ACTIVITY SHEET

Please indicate under the appropriate heading the extracurricular activities in which you have participated and which you anticipate participating in during high school. (Attach additional information only if absolutely necessary; supplementary resumes are not needed, and will not be included with the students folder.)

INTERSCHOLASTIC SPORTS: (Check all that apply)

Sport	# of years	Captain	MVP	Member	Varsity Letter			

SCHOOL ORGANIZATIONS: (Check all that apply)

Organization	Number of years	Officer	Member

COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS: (Check all that apply)

Organization	Number of years	Officer	Member

HONOR SOCIETY MEMBERSHIP: (Check all that apply)

Organization	Number of years	Office Held

FORMAL APPLICATION FOR SERVICE ACADEMY NOMINATION

AWARDS/ HONORS SHEET

Please list all awards and honors you have received during your high school career. (Information regarding Eagle Scout and the Girl Scout Gold Award is requested on page 4 of the application; please do not include this information on the below list.)

[illegible]

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Were you employed ten or more hours a week during the school year? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If Yes, where were you employed? Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____ Supervisor: _____

Have you attained the rank of Eagle Scout? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Have you received the Girl Scout Gold Award? ☐ Yes ☐ No

ESSAY:

Please write a one page (8.5 x 11, typewritten single-spaced) essay on why you want to attend a U.S. Service Academy.

In which city would it be most convenient for you to be interviewed?

(Interview Dates will be scheduled by the Senator's office to be held between November 5-7, 2003)

☐ Philadelphia

☐ Harrisburg

☐ Pittsburgh

☐ Scranton

☐ Allentown

☐ Erie

☐ Telephone interviews are available for students who will be out of the state during the indicated interview dates.

Please list a telephone number where you may be reached for your interview: (____) _____

Who is your United States Representative? _____

Have you applied to your United States Representative for a nomination? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Have you enclosed a photograph of yourself? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If you are an applicant to the United States Air Force, Military or Naval Academy and are not selected for a nomination, would you consider a nomination to the United States Merchant Marine Academy?

☐ Yes ☐ No

REMINDER:

ALL MATERIALS SHOULD BE SENT TO THE FOLLOWING ADDRESS BY FRIDAY, OCTOBER 10, 2003.

**Academy Selection Committee
U.S. Senator Arlen Specter**

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**APPLICANT DATA SHEET
FOR SERVICE ACADEMY NOMINATION**

NOTE TO APPLICANT: Please print your name below and provide your guidance counselor with the following letter and the enclosed applicant data sheet.

APPLICANT'S NAME: _____

Dear High School Guidance Counselor:

The above named student is seeking a congressional nomination to one of the U.S. Service Academies. The following information outlines the application procedures governing the service academy nomination process administered by my office.

*If the student desires a nomination to a service academy for the classes beginning in **July, 2004**, it is his/her responsibility to ensure that the following credentials are submitted to my Harrisburg office by **OCTOBER 10, 2003**.



Application Checklist:

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- _____ Essay
- _____ Photo

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- _____ Applicant Data Sheet (Page 5) **Class rank and GPA are used in determining a candidates academic performance. If your school does not calculate class rank or GPA, please provide an approximation or another means by which students can be evaluated.** Please attach an official high school transcript.
- _____ SAT scores (copy of original scores or written on official school transcript).
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PLEASE MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO SUBMIT ALL REQUIRED CREDENTIALS IN ONE PACKET.

Please forward all material to:

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Harrisburg, PA 17108**

Thank you for your assistance with this process.

Sincerely,

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Please fill out this form completely, despite the fact that the information may already be on the applicant's transcript. Thank you.

NAME OF APPLICANT: _____

NAME OF COUNSELOR: _____

NAME OF HIGH SCHOOL: _____

***The following data must be accompanied by an official transcript**

CUMULATIVE CLASS RANK:

Unweighted: _____
(Rank/Total)

Weighted: _____
(Rank/Total)

CUMULATIVE GPA:

4.0/unweighted scale: _____

Weighted scale: _____

SAT SCORES (please list the scores for each test taken):

DATE

VERBAL

MATH

_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

TOTAL _____

COUNSELOR'S SIGNATURE: _____

DATE: _____